



9th October 2013

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Dear Mr Colman

RE: PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT OF LAND, TO THE NORTH OF HEYBRIDGE, ESSEX

On the Local Development Framework, I am dismayed to see 1,000 houses for Heybridge when 300 houses were rejected 28 years ago.

The new proposal will not accommodate 1,000 houses.

Developers buy up the farmland and wait for the chance to build on it. They are not interested in farming. What is the future of England, this green and pleasant land?

In a newspaper report 28 years ago, which I still have on file, the headline read "Heybridge Residents Win, Thumbs Down For Road Plan."

It quoted from a planning officer's report to the county planning committee, which said the land involved was within a nature conservancy zone and partly within a special landscape area.

It is said to be grade two agricultural land. These are very strong presumptions against development.

What has changed?

The infrastructure will not cope with all the houses proposed in the draft plan. In the consultation document it states that the number of houses will have a minimum target of 4410 houses, starting if you do the sums with 3700 this is just madness, this is a huge number of houses.

The only routes to a main line station are through Hatfield Peverel, Wickham Bishops and Danbury. All of which get jammed up at peak times with queues of traffic. How many cars will this add to the roads? Everybody has a car today and a big percentage of these people are going to commute to London, work in Chelmsford, you will not be able to create that many jobs in Maldon and Heybridge to stop this happening.

You will also get the over spill from London so this will not help local people get a house, find a job, in fact it will make it harder for local people to find work.

This is a particular disaster for the people living in Heybridge and their environment.

Yours sincerely

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